Expansion of DD Network

†*192. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH LALAN':

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have implemented some schemes over the last years with a view to expanding the range of DD telecasts;

(b) if so, the expenditure incurred on the expansion of Doordarshan during 1998-99, 1999-2000 and 2000-2001 year-wise; and

(c) the extent of population covered in the country by March, 2001?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Expenditure incurred on expansion & modernisation of Doordarshan services during the last three years is as under:

1998-1999	Rs. 240.56 crores
1999-2000	Rs. 283.12 crores
2000-2001	Rs. 283.31 crores

(c) TV coverage was available to about 88.9% population of the country at the end of March, 2001.

Exclusion of Escorts Hospital and Research Centre under CGHS

* 193. SHRI SURYABHAN PATIL VAHADANE:
SHRI ANIL SHARMA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state?

(a) the reasons for including six hospitals and excluding Escorts Hospital and Research Centre, (EHRC), Faridabad in the revised list *vide* OM No. Rec: 24/2001/JD(M)CGHS/DELHICGHS(P)/1076-99, dated 25th October, 2001;

(b) whether any reaction has been received from EHRC thereon;

(c) the details of the representations received from individuals/organisations/associations for inclusion of EHRC; and

(d) the action taken thereon?

Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.